

REMARKS

I. Introduction

In response to the Office Action dated March 22, 2006, claims 2, 4, 5, 6, 12, 14, 15, 16, 23, 24, 25, and 26 have been canceled and claims 1, 11, and 21 have been amended. Claims 1, 3, 7-11, 13, 17-22, 27-57 remain in the application. Re-examination and re-consideration of the application, as amended, is requested.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

In paragraph 11, the Office Action indicates that the subject matter of claims 6-10, 16-20 and 26-30 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In paragraph 12, the Office Action indicates that the subject matter of claims 31-57 are allowed. The Applicants acknowledge the Office Action's indication of allowable subject matter, and have amended the claims to place them in condition for allowance.

III. Claim Amendments

Applicants' attorney has made amendments to the claims as indicated above to expedite prosecution.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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